ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 38 Emergency order 44

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon with an announcement for commercial permit holders in the Naknek/Kvichak Districts. The time is <u>9:00 a.m.</u> and the date is **Thursday**, **July 5**, **2012**.

The midnight to 6:00 a.m. count for the Naknek River was 12,000 sockeye for a cumulative count of 562,000. The midnight to 6:00 a.m. count for the Kvichak River was 45,000 sockeye for a cumulative count of 870,000. The Kvichak inriver test fish indices increased substantially yesterday from an average index of 550 on July 3 to an average index of 8,831 on July 4.

The current set gillnet period in the Naknek-Kvichak District will be extended and close at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5. This afternoon's Naknek Section drift opening will be extended both in time and area. The Naknek-Kvichak District will open to drift gillnet gear for a 7.0-hour period from 1:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5.

The Naknek/Kvichak District will open to set gillnet gear for two period a 8.5-hour period from 2:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 6 and a 7.0-hour period from 2:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 6. The Naknek Section of the Naknek-Kvichak District will open to drift gillnet gear for an 8.5-hour period from 2:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 6. The Naknek/Kvichak District will open to drift gillnet gear for a 7.0-hour period 2:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 6.

The next scheduled announcement for the Naknek/Kvichak District will be 12:00 p.m. Friday, July 6.

This has been the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game in King Salmon. Read on SSB 2509 and VHF 07: July 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.